

Confession of Mrs. Lydia Sherman

THREE HUSBANDS AND FOUR CHILDREN POISONED.

Continuation of the Hartford Courant.

New Haven, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Lydia Sherman was arrested in Jersey, 1871, at Brunswick, New Jersey, on the charge of having murdered her husband, Thomas Sherman, at Derby, in this State, in the year 1871. She was also charged with murdering two of her children, but was only tried for the first crime. Besides these she was said to have poisoned two other husbands and several of her children.

The trial occurred in March, 1872, at New Haven, and was noticeable among the

Barlow of Yale College, who had examined the remains of the three first mentioned victims. His evidence was as conclusive as that of the coroner, and there was no one of the court about the case who did not bring up in the Wharton trial at Baltimore the same evidence which had been used upon medical experts.

It was to the motive that could lead a sane man to commit a crime that the jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. The jury uniting in considering her guilty, but not of the crime of manslaughter under the evidence permitted of her being sentenced to death and so did not call it the first degree.

She was found guilty she was sent to the State Prison for the term of years and from thence to the Superior Court to receive her sentence some six weeks or more ago. But she was not sentenced to the State Prison but it rests with the State's Attorney, Judge C. Foster, to decide, and he has not yet expressed his determination.

REMOVAL AND CONFESSION

Since she has been imprisoned her mind has been seriously troubled, and it has been evident for some time that she was brooding over either her past offences or her future ills; and recently it has transpired that she was planning a flight from the prison. She has made a full confession of her part in the

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man by poison. She took kindly to him and gave him arsenic in his food, and, as a result, he died. She then killed their youngest two children, so that she would not be burdens to her and should not have, as she says, to look after two or three more.

ANOTHER WOMAN SUSPECTED.

She was not suspected of this murder, soon after she went to Litchfield in this State to live. Here she met one Dennis Hildreth, a man who had been in the State Prison, particularly satisfactorily to herself with him and so she poisoned him.

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Soon after his death she was told by a friend that there was a man in Derby, named Elmer D. Sherman, who had plenty of money and was just getting on in life, and in business management, if she wanted a third husband she could probably get him. Accordingly she wrote him a letter, and he came to the place of housekeeper in his family and he lived with her, and subsequently she succeeded in making him love her.

TWO MORE CHILDREN POISONED—THEir FATHER HUSBAND KILLED BY MISTAKE.

He had two small children, Ada and Frank, and she gave them arsenic in their food and did poison, but she did not plan to poison Sherman. She intended to employ the same means to get rid of him.

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It is curious that the woman who is charged with the murder of her husband should not be held accountable, according to her story, be that for which she is charged or for the crime of not saying that she was the mother of his child. The States Attorney, Judge or Jury will not use the confession against Mrs. man, and her sentence will merely be to son for life.

MAJOR NEW YORK REPORTERS.

One of the New Haven papers has section that Mrs. man's complete confession, proposes, in the course of the trial, to use as a serial. It is rumored to-night that the copies of the complete have been pronounced by the major New York reporters. However, it must be borne in mind that the confession is the story of a woman, and that any lowly or vulgar thought and its emanation out by some one I think and the elaboration of a sensational article all the facts of the case. The of the narrative as I have sent them are correct, although they are not copyrighted.

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POETRY.
Baby's Stocking.
Hang on the baby's stocking,
The one that she did not forget;
The dear little, dimpled darling!
She never saw one so sweet.
But she told her all about it,
And she opened her big blue eyes,
And she said she understood it,
She looked so wise and wise.

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